

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of April 8, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

claim 1 is amended to clarify that identical secret information is included in each chip and is located in different locations in the flash memory of each chip. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs [8198]-[8229] of the present specification; and

claim 2 and 3 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Gilbert in view of Matumoto, because, as the Examiner admits, Gilbert only discloses storage in a single chip and because contrary to the Examiner's contentions, Matumoto specifically discloses that each entity A-D stores its own version of the secret algorithm and cryptokey defined by that entities unique identifier and is otherwise silent as to where and how secret algorithm and cryptokey are stored (see col. 4, line 22-col. 5, line 43).

Thus, in any combination of Gilbert and Matumoto, non-identical secret information would be stored in each "chip" at non-specified locations, which is contrary to the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,



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